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OUR LUNACY LAWS.

It is asserted that the circumstances preceding the death of an unfortunate young man named F. E. Pinnack are to become the subject of an official investigation, and as some members of the N. W. M. P. are charged with having treated the deceased most brutally, by carrying him from Fort MacLeod to Calgary tied on the back of a buckboard in the broiling heat of a burning sun, we are glad to hear that the matter is to be strictly inquired into, the more so as the youth in their custody had not been guilty of any crime, but was deserving of the utmost commiseration, having through insanity become unfit to take care of himself. Should the alleged brutal treatment be proven, we will all be glad to see the offenders against humanity receive their deserts, but meanwhile we can not refrain from saying that an acquaintance with many members of the force, during a period extending over several years and over a great variety of circumstances, does not enable us to recall a single instance of conduct on the part of any one of them savouring of inhumanity. So far from this being the case, whatever our faults some of them may have had, they invariably seemed thoroughly kind hearted fellows, and we sincerely trust that the result of the investigation may not tend by the discovery of a few black sheep to bring discredit on the whole. In any case we presume that so far as the mode of conveyance is concerned the men started with what was provided by the orders of their superiors, who in turn probably availed themselves of an irresponsible being on such a journey may have been necessary for his own safety. There seems to be something in the nature of insanity which precludes the possibility of satisfactory legislation on the subject and if the lunacy laws are such as to excite the gravest alarm in the mind of an eminent English judge to-day in so highly civilized a country as England, we need not be surprised to find them highly unsatisfactory in these Territories. That they require immediate improvement is obvious, as has been deeply felt by every magistrate who acting under them as they exist has tried conscientiously to reconcile the means provided with the safety of the public, and the true interests of the unfortunate patient, whose mind has become affected. As the law at present stands a man may exhibit the most marked indications of derangement which often precede dangerous outbreaks, and yet until he has "exhibited a purpose of committing some criminal offence" or still more probably has committed one, he must be allowed to go about to the annoyance of the public or their danger as well as his own, to say nothing should he possess property of being at the mercy of any unscrupulous blackguard who is mean enough to take advantage of his inability to manage his affairs. Such

cases are by no means fanciful, as those who were in this place some two years ago must admit. At that time a young gentleman whose mind was obviously affected, was squandering his means wildly, annoying and frightening women, but yet could not upon examination be said to have exhibited a purpose of committing any criminal offence. Under these circumstances there was no legal way of enforcing the evidently necessary custody. The youth was eventually persuaded by the magistrate to accompany a friend to the East, where he was immediately arrested by the authorities as unfit to be at large, and experienced the happiest results, from the treatment of those competent to take charge of one in his condition. Many instances of the evil of the present law might be cited, but it seems too self evident to require demonstration, that considering the interest of the individual affected or of the public it is rather late to take charge of a lunatic after he has killed himself or some one else.

TREE CULTURE.

Tree culture is now claiming some attention from settlers in this country, and the question naturally arises what trees are most likely to succeed. Mr. Wagner, M. P. P., for Woodlands, Manitoba, has undertaken at his own expense, an experimental nursery, to test the trees best suited for the North West, and has risen from seed procured from Northern Europe, a number of trees, with varied results. So far he reports that the European ash and Austrian pine are very promising, and that the linden or lime has come up well. The success of the linden as a tree, however, has never been very great in Canada, but if hybridised with the American linden or basswood it is in success. The maple or sycamore of Europe promises well, and if a sycamore will prove a very valuable farm tree. There is a species of maple peculiar to this country, known as the ash-leaved maple or box elder (*Negundo aceroides*), which grows very rapidly, and forms in the older provinces, where cultivated, a very handsome tree. In its native state it is crooked and devoid of symmetry, but judicious pruning when young would overcome this. The cypress, cedar and Libanotis tried by Mr. Wagner have failed. The best indigenous trees we have are the silver and balsam poplars, owing to their rapid growth, and also from their wood proving valuable as timber. The Russian mulberry, introduced from Russia by the Mennonites, has done well in Manitoba, and many of the trees planted ten years ago are now thirty feet high, and afford wood useful for farm purposes, with this advantage, also, after the third or fourth year it produces a good crop of fruit.

Forests affect the climate of a country; first, by the chemical action of their leaves which decomposes the carbonic acid of the air, fixing the carbon in their woody tissue and liberating the oxygen; there is their physical action in hindering evaporation and stopping currents of air, and in covering the ground with a vegetable mould which holds water like a sponge; and there is the organic action of the leaves which, in breathing, restores to the air a part of the water which the roots have drained from the soil; lastly, there is the mechanical action of the roots which at once prevents the earth from being washed away by rain, and also enables the water to filter down deep into the ground. Forests, then, ought to make a country

cooler by withdrawing the carbon from the air; the heat that is set free when wood is burned is the very heat that was being absorbed while it was growing. The mean temperature of a wooded country is always lower than that of a similarly situated treeless country; but, and this is important, the cold is less extreme, as well as the heat, and changes of temperature are gradual. In addition, forests arrest and destroy miasma, rendering their site and neighborhood healthy; they set a limit to the spreading of the spores of rust and other fungi from corn fields and orchards; their humid atmosphere, shade, and the feathered inhabitants they encourage; effectually obstruct the march of locusts and other destructive insects, while affording sustenance to and promoting the increase of the honey bee. Although forests produce little or no effect on the average rainfall of large tracts of country, their presence or absence has a marked difference in regard to its distribution, and consequently to the fertility of the land, which by its gradual accumulation gives rise to springs and rivulets, and equalizes the flow of streams and rivers. Forests also benefit mankind by increasing the fertility of the soil, decomposing the rocks by the penetration and chemical action of their roots, and adding to the surface soil the mineral elements of vegetable nutrition. The culture of trees is therefore beneficial, useful and interesting.

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Speed on, speed on, my bonny boat,
Speed on, and I on w' you.
And let me see my native land
Once more before I die.

O, there, have the little lass,
And seek her in the woods and ferns.
The bonny, bonny lass of the
And smile before I die.

Has not her hair, though fair it be,
Zoar o'er these lofty hills,
Across these valleys, let me see
My native, smiling hills.

My native hills, O let me see,
They're made to my eyes.
The silver trees, and winding fens,
Where sport the nimble hares.

I'll drink out of this little well,
This little well so clear,
My brother made it when a child,
While we were sporting here.

Spring on beneath this hawthorn tree,
Then in this lonely glen,
Flies in the cold, cold foreign ground,
While you're all still the same.

Here is the bridge grown frail with age,
It will be the end soon,
And there will stand the native cot,
The cot where I was born.

A lowly cot, a roof of straw,
But dearer far to me,
Than crowns to kings, or sunbeams great,
To men of high degree.

Twas here I drew my infant breath,
My mother cradled me,
Within these ancient walls, and watchful
Of my young infancy.

My sisters and my brothers too,
Here to'd with childish glee,
My father tenderly would dote
And smile our pranks to see.

That ancient cot is still the same,
I know that still is green,
I know that still is smiling down,
There I, in my network.

The apple tree is here, and here
I know the very spot,
But where are the inhabitants
Of this my ancient cot.

O where is the maternal voice,
That often welcom'd me,
O where is one familiar face,
Should I used to see.

O where are all those children dear,
That often here I saw,
There none—all gone—and I stand
A stranger at my home.

AMMONIA IN BAKING POWDER.

Among the recent discoveries in science and chemistry, none is more important than the uses to which common ammonia can be properly put as a leavening agent, and which indicate that this familiar salt is hereafter to perform an active part in the preparation of our daily food.

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Two prisoners were sentenced to penitentiary by Judge Ross at the sittings of the court at Battleford. J. Keenly was sent down for three years, and Joe Nalpass for two years. They left Battleford for Stony Mountain last week.

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10:00 " " Portage la Prairie	4:45 "
1:15 p.m. Brandon	1:45 "
2:15 " " " " " " " "	2:45 "
3:15 a.m. Regina	11:20 a.m.
6:30 " " Moose Jaw	8:30 "
8:30 p.m. " " " " " "	11:30 "
10:40 " " Maple Creek	4:30 a.m.
2:40 a.m. " " Medicine Hat	4:40 "
5:45 " " " " " " " "	8:00 "

Only two trains a week will run west of Brandon, leaving Winnipeg on Mondays and Thursdays. Trains leaving Mondays will have sleeping car attached, and run through to Calgary. Trains leaving Thursdays will have sleeping car attached and will run to Moosejaw.

Returning train will leave Calgary Thursday, and Moosejaw Friday and Saturdays, arriving at Winnipeg Saturdays and Sundays.

Daily trains will run between Winnipeg and Brandon

Going East	Going West
7:30 a.m. lve. Winnipeg	arr. 8:30 p.m.
1:15 p.m. " " " " " "	11:40 a.m.
8:30 a.m. " " " " " "	4:10 a.m.
11:40 a.m. " " " " " "	1:30 p.m.

Trains leave for Portage Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning trains leave Portage Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Trains leaving Thursdays will have sleeping car attached and will run to Winnipeg. Returning, arrives at Winnipeg Fridays.

Going North	Going South
Leave, 7:00 a.m.	Winnipeg, Arrive, 7:00 a.m.
8:00 p.m.	Emerson, 8:00 p.m.
11:50 p.m.	St. Vincent, 11:50 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	

Going South	Going North
Leave, 7:10 a.m.	Winnipeg, Arrive, 7:10 a.m.
8:15 a.m.	St. Vincent, 8:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	Emerson, 11:15 a.m.
1:15 p.m.	St. Vincent, 1:15 p.m.
4:10 p.m.	St. Vincent, 4:10 p.m.

Trains leave for Brandon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only, returning next day.

Trains leave Winnipeg for Stonewall Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:50 a.m. arriving at Stonewall at 10:50 a.m. and Stonewall at 10:50 a.m. Returning same day leaving Stonewall at 1:30 p.m. and Stonewall at 2 p.m. arriving at Winnipeg at 2 p.m.

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From Moose Jaw to Medicine Hat.

Moose Jaw, 208 miles from Winnipeg, is a compact little town of about 700 inhabitants. The Moose Jaw Creek, is small but picturesque, fringed with bush and small trees, running past the eastern portion of the town, ensuring the inhabitants a plentiful supply of good water during the heat of the summer months. The population has if anything decreased since last fall, but as several frame houses have been lately erected and are in course of erection, there are signs that the town is still in a prosperous condition. It is expected that Moose Jaw, will be the terminus of the projected line of the Saskatoon and Northern Railroad, if so, that would be the means of giving the town a permanent hold on prosperity for the future. Lately there has been erected close to the depot, large stockyards, used for resting, watering and feeding the cattle, which are being dispatched from Montana, via Maple Creek, by the C. P. R. to Chicago. Several large trains have already been forwarded and from all appearances this is but the forerunner of a heavy traffic in cattle. The C. P. R. by shorter distance and quicker time offering superior facilities to the Montana ranchers, than the Northern Pacific. Moose Jaw supports many first-class stores, the principle ones being J. & J. McLean and Baker & Lee, grocers; Robinson & Ramsey, general merchants; R. Hogue, hardware; and K. H. Scott, chemist and druggist; also a number of good hotels, the best being the Brunswick, owned by Mr. George Bohar. There is a lodge of Free Masons, and the Moose Jaw News is edited here. Manufacturers are still in their infancy yet the Empire Brewery, owned by Allan & McKenzie, the C. P. R. round house, and several lumber yards employ quite a number of hands. The principal wants of the population are well attended to, as there are Methodist, Presbyterian and English Churches, all substantial buildings. The crops in this district are looking well and the farmers are expecting more than an average harvest.

Leaving Moose Jaw for the west by the C. P. R. the line passes through a level track of country, watered by a small winding creek. As far as Boharn a large extent of ground on both sides of the line has been broken for agriculture and sent to Caron, many fine farms dot the higher ground to the north. Between Boharn and Caron the surface of the country becomes rougher and is broken up into sand hills, these sand hills continue until Morthach is passed, when all signs of farming disappear for a considerable distance. From Caron to Parkbeg the country changes into gently rolling prairie with numerous ponds and marshes, mostly alkaline. From Parkbeg as far as Chaplain, there is as far as the eye can reach a continual range of rough conical hills, the hollows between being filled with alkaline ponds. In the centre of the hills, at Secoratan, the C. P. R. have planted one of their experimental farms, the crops of which look to my eye rather poor, the straw being short and the crop thin. Chaplain stands on the north east end of Old Wives Lake, and in addition to the usual section house, etc., there are large sheds, used for storing coal, or the locomotives of the C. P. R. Leaving Chaplain we pass by quite a string of large lakes, the prairie being sometimes flat, other times rolling and after passing Enfold change into high hills. The ground all along is almost totally of alkaline nature. Moose lies alongside one of the above mentioned lakes, which abounds with wild fowl. From Moose to Herbert, the country is wholly rolling prairie, which flattens down towards the lakes; this sort of country continues till Rush Lake is reached. This is a fine large lake, which towards the north western end is completely filled up with rushes or rather sedges. Rush Lake is in reality a home for water fowl, and it was here that I had for the first time the satisfaction of seeing pelicans swimming about in a state of freedom. From Rush Lake to Walder the train passes through a level valley, between high hills, the country all round being fine grass growing land, and a crop of hay seems to have been successfully gathered. Towards Aitken, the rolling prairie commences again, but changes after passing that place to a valley, with small creek winding through it. This continues until Swift Current is reached. The town of Swift Current has not come up to the promise it gave last year, although there is a good station with a dining hall attached, and a round house.

The whole town consists of three stores, (the principle one belonging to F. F. Tims, general merchant and postmaster), a bakery, a billiard saloon and a few houses; Swift Current is built in a fine position, well sheltered and having a never failing supply of excellent water from the creek near at hand. At the C. P. R. farm here the grain is all cut and is reported to be a good crop; a few other farms are scattered around. This seems a favorite camping place for Cree Indians as their teepees are always very thick round the town. Lately numbers of buffalo have been killed in the surrounding country and several have even ventured in sight of the town. From Swift Current to Levens and Goose Lake, we again pass through the inevitable rolling prairie, with numerous marshes in the hollows. These marshes are absolutely alive with wild ducks and geese. Towards Goose Lake station, here are many large alkaline lakes, to the north of the track. Rolling prairie with marshes and lakes continues until Gull Lake is reached here there is another of the C. P. R. experimental farms. The wheat and barley has been cut and looks A 1, although as usual the straw is very short, vegetables are a good crop. Trees have been planted round the section house and this experiment is quite a success. Between Gull Lake and Cypress the rolling prairie is sandy and mixed with alkaline, plenty of small marshes, and a small creek waters the land. The country towards Sidedwood is much the same; rolling prairie with numerous large grass marshes takes us as far as Colley, where there are cooling sheds. Between Colley and Maple Creek the country becomes more level and we pass by numbers of large marshes and lakes as well as several small running creeks. The side of the Cypress Hills to the south appearing to be well wooded. Here I wish to remark the persistency with which the railroad and the old Qu'Appelle and Fort Walsh trail have kept together, they having continually crossed each other the most of the journey. A. H.

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